News-item "Parikshanon par Pabandiyon se chikitsa project thande paden"

2974. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Parikshanon par pabandiyon se chikitsa project thande paden", which appeared in the Navbharat Times dated the 21st February, 2002; and

(b) if so, the response of Government thereto and the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The guidelines/Rules issued by the Committee for the purpose of Control and Supervision of Experimentation on Animals (CPCSEA) for regulating experiments on animals for production of drugs, testing of vaccine/ante-sera etc. is causing concern among bio-medical research scientists as some of the provisions of the Rules are hampering medical research particularly in the areas relating to development of new drugs. The contentious issues are being considered in the Committee of Secretaries.

Assistance to Assam Medical College and Hospital, Dibrugarh

2975. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry had received a letter from Assam Chief Minister for assistance to improve the functioning of the Assam Medical College and Hospital at Dibrugarh and to open a branch of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) there; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has not received any letter

from the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam on the subject matter.

Meaning of taje-taja jal in Food Adulteration Rules, 1995

†2976. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that meaning of taje-taja jal used on page 2 and 3 or 'fresh water' printed on pages 4 and 5 in rule 32(a) Section (b) of Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1995, published on 4th April, 2001 under GSR 245 (a) in Gazette of India, Part-2, Section 3, sub-section (1) Serial No. 166, is not clear anywhere in the whole notification;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard, so far, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The words "fresh water or marine animal" have to be read as a phrase. The phrase "fresh water or marine animal" means an animal that lives in fresh water as against one that is a marine animal *i.e.* "fresh water animal or marine animal".

Infection cases during operations

†2977. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of infection in patients during operations are on the increase in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons for the increase in such cases;

(c) whether Government have issued guidelines to prevent such cases;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

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